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**N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission
Directs Local Boards to Update/Adopt Travel Policies**

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has directed the 163 local boards across the state to review and update their current travel policies, and for the roughly one-third of boards that do not have policies, the Commission has directed them to put a travel policy in place.

The Commission's communication, sent to all boards via email Wednesday, sets a deadline of March 1 for all travel policies to be adopted and for copies to be sent to the Commission's files. As a part of its communication, the Commission provided links to the state's travel policy http://intranet.nccommerce.com/policies/FM_1.pdf as well as the state Commission's rules requiring travel policies. The rules require boards to follow limits set for state government or the local government entity that appoints the ABC board.

"In reviewing the policies and travel expenses in surveys completed by all local ABC boards in December, it became clear that many boards did not have travel policies that would keep spending within the already required limits," said Jon Williams, chairman of the ABC Commission. "With significant local government and state budget shortfalls it becomes even more important to ensure public dollars in the ABC system are carefully managed to benefit the community as a whole."

The statewide survey was ordered by Governor Bev Perdue last year as part of her accountability and transparency goals for all levels of government.

ABOUT THE ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 19 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 17,000 retail outlets across the state. In fiscal year 2009, the Commission returned more than \$250 million in taxes and revenue to benefit the General Fund and the budgets of local cities and counties that sell alcoholic beverages.

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